HE morning of Saturday, July the first, 1950, broke over Washington. It was exactly one year since the filustrious Vangold had assumed the office and title of Emperor of the Ameri-

This beautiful animal, selected after elaborate discussion as the national symbol, was represented in an erect attiwith the head drooping and the shout apparently foraging for prov-

To the east of the Capitol lay the Field of Celebration, a park set aside the pleasure of the notility. About 10 o'clock two girls entered the field. One was Aurea, the other Xantha. Their dress indicat d high rank. Aurea was dark, tall and confident; Xantha fair, small and diffident. Being girls they talked.

"I am so afraid, dear, I shall make some blunder," said Xantha. "Nomense," replied her companion.

"Papa has been rich such a short time that I searcely even know the duties of a Maid of Money."
"Well," said Aurea, "our duties are

precisely the same as those of Maids of Honor at other courts. The Em-peror has simply substituted money for honor. It is easy; we attend on the per-son of his imperial daughter, the Princess Sapphire-the duties are light, the ostumes provided free of cost"-

Bri Aurea stopped abruptly and hispering softly to her companion "Imitate me," sank quickly into a being-surely it were profunction

to describe her as a mere girl—a be-ing, then, entered the Field.

was the Imperial Princess Sapphire. Clothed in dazzling white and srowned with several million dollars' worth of diamonds, she advanced to-ward the prostrate Maids.

"Rise, my Maids," she said to the kneeling girls; "homage does me no good this morning. I should prefer sympathy." The Princess spoke with slight New York accent.
"Your Imperial Richness is sad?"

"you know I am devoted to you com-

"Last night, as I was about to retire," said the Princess. "I leaned upon my newest telescope, the one with the three-thousand-mide range, Chance- or was it fatel-prompted me to look through it. In the middle of the field of observation, not far from Chicago. I aw an old-fashinoed balloon Strange and antiquated it looked among the swift alrahips, yet touched with the romance of the past. It interested me."

"To seen one in the museum," in terrupted dures.

"Bother the museum," retorted the Princess with a slight touch of exaspinition. "This was a real balloon, Below it hung a car, and in that cardoh, Aures, it cannot attempt to describe him. Oh, Aures, his face, his form liming of youth. Sapphire was the farm long that the moment it exploded."

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walian Islands, the Bermudas, the West Indies, Cuba, the Philippines and American China. More than five hundred million subjects paid taxes to this great potentate, bekide whom Caesar and Napoleon, his prototypes, seemed but pignies.

Washington beomed in holiday gayety. Everywhere flutiered the imperial flag, with its golden deliars strewn on a silver background, at once an emblem and an inspiration. On all the public buildings and on many of the private ones work which made its sculptor immortal. This beautiful animal, selected after

"Honor?" she repeated, with a little puzzled gesture. "Cannot that matter be arranged financially?"

At this critical point of their interview the lovers were interrupted. Unnoticed by them a man had entered the Field. From the splendor of his costume he was evidently a personage of great dignity. tentions. Laying a powerful but respectful hand Sapphire's shoulder, he said: "Surely er Imperial Richness is forgetting her-

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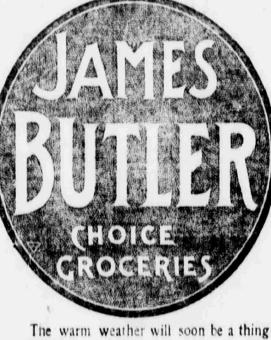
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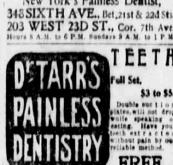
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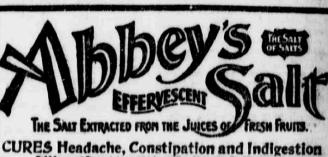
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